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Amendment

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To: House Bill No. 5514

File No. 113

Cal. No. 69

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE
PURCHASE OF PROSTHESES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) Each insurer, health care
4 center, hospital and medical service corporation or other entity
5 delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing any
6 individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
7 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of
8 the general statutes in this state on or after January 1, 2009, shall (1)
9 upon notification from an insured or an insured's physician that such
10 insured has been diagnosed with epidermolysis bullosa, designate a
11 case manager to work with such insured and insured's physician to
12 identify wound-care needs, and (2) provide coverage for medically
13 necessary treatment and supplies.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) Each insurer, health care
15 center, hospital and medical service corporation or other entity
16 delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing any
17 group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified
18 in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the
19 general statutes in this state on or after January 1, 2009, shall (1) upon
20 notification from an insured or an insured's physician that such
21 insured has been diagnosed with epidermolysis bullosa, designate a
22 case manager to work with such insured and insured's physician to
23 identify wound-care needs, and (2) provide coverage for medically
24 necessary treatment and supplies.

25 Sec. 3. Section 38a-492j of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2009*):

27 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
28 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
29 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this state
30 on or after October 1, 2000, that provides coverage for ostomy surgery
31 shall include coverage, up to [one] five thousand dollars annually, for
32 medically necessary appliances and supplies relating to an ostomy
33 including, but not limited to, collection devices, irrigation equipment
34 and supplies, skin barriers and skin protectors. As used in this section,
35 "ostomy" includes colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy. Payments
36 under this section shall not be applied to any policy maximums for
37 durable medical equipment. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to
38 decrease policy benefits in excess of the limits in this section.

39 Sec. 4. Section 38a-518j of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2009*):

41 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
42 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
43 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or continued in this state on or
44 after October 1, 2000, that provides coverage for ostomy surgery shall
45 include coverage, up to [one] five thousand dollars annually, for

46 medically necessary appliances and supplies relating to an ostomy
 47 including, but not limited to, collection devices, irrigation equipment
 48 and supplies, skin barriers and skin protectors. As used in this section,
 49 "ostomy" includes colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy. Payments
 50 under this section shall not be applied to any policy maximums for
 51 durable medical equipment. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to
 52 decrease policy benefits in excess of the limits in this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	38a-492j
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	38a-518j